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Encore Business Solutions Wins IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year in 2008 Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards

Canadian technology partners' and their commitment and leadership in the channel community recognized at annual Microsoft Awards

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – November 14, 2008 – Encore Business Solutions announced today that it has been selected as the winner in the **IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year** at the 2008 Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards. The sixth annual IMPACT awards recognize excellence across the large and diverse community of Microsoft's Canadian technology partners. The winners were announced at a gala event in Toronto on November 13, 2008.

"As real leaders in their fields, technology partners like **Encore Business Solutions** continue to help customers optimize their business performance," said Lora Gernon, Senior Director, Partner Group, Microsoft Canada Co. "Our annual IMPACT Awards celebrates top technology partners who have shown true passion through their tremendous service to customers and innovative solutions."

Encore Business Solutions was chosen as the winner of **IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year**. This award category is new this year and recognizes a technology partner who has demonstrated leadership across all four pillars of the IAMCP focus which include Partner Channel Building, Advocacy, Community/Citizenship and Education.

About the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards

In 2003, Microsoft Canada replaced all of its previous technology partner awards with a unified program that also recognizes customer service, marketing, and contribution to the community. The IMPACT Awards include categories that recognize top technology partners for excellence in four categories: Solution Awards; Business Awards; Marketing Awards; and Community & Initiative Awards.

The Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards are open to Systems Integrators, Large Account Resellers, Direct Market Resellers, Value Added Resellers, Distributors, Systems Builders, Authorized Education Resellers, Certified Partners for Learning Solutions, Microsoft Certified Partners, Independent Software Vendors, Channel Suppliers, Microsoft Business Solutions (MBS) Partners and Original Equipment Manufacturers.

For a list of all 2008 winners, and more information on the Microsoft for Partner IMPACT Awards, please visit <http://www.microsoft.ca/awards>.

About Encore Business Solutions

Established in 1990, Encore Business Solutions Inc. is committed to helping organizations implement value-added technology and business management solutions such as; Microsoft Dynamics® GP and Microsoft Dynamics® CRM. Encore is rated in the top 5% of Microsoft resellers worldwide and is considered the largest Microsoft Dynamics GP Partner across Western Canada. Encore has earned the Microsoft Gold Certified Partner status with two competencies in Microsoft Business Solutions and Networking Infrastructure Solutions.

Built on experience, reputation and genuine commitment to customers and business partners, Encore's strength is in their ability to realize the client's full potential through new business applications, automation, integration and ongoing system reviews. For more information about Encore's products and services, visit www.encorebusiness.com.

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